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DO NOT ENTER: /L.H./ **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
/L.H./ 09/23/2009 **UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This is an Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of April 16, 2009, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire July 16, 2009, and an extended period set to expire September 16, 2009. Applicants hereby petition the Office for a two-month extension of time for responding to the Action.

Applicants request entry of this Amendment and Response because Applicants have presented rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.